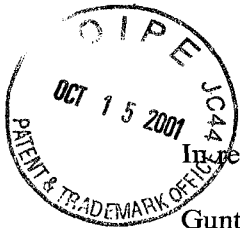


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

The following extension of time is requested to respond to the Office Action dated June 15, 2001:

one month to October 15, 2001; the extension fee is:

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